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1. At a recent meeting in Canton, a high Chinese Communist Government official tried to persuade defected personnel of the China National Aviation Corporation (CNAC) and the Central Air Transport Corporation (CATC) to go to Manchuria "for further training." The attitude of the group was generally cold. Employees said that they had heard that airlines personnel who had gone to Manchuria had been paid the first time in US dollars, the second time in Hong Kong dollars, and the third and subsequent times in rice at the rate of five to seven piculs per month per employee. They felt that this pay was inadequate.
2. The official maintained that all must make sacrifices in the common revolutionary struggle, and the airlines employees should not think of their employment in terms of ordinary commercial relationships.
3. An airlines employee asserted that the official could talk like this because his wife and family probably were employed by the Communist Government. He said that the pilots and their families want to work for the country's welfare but that the Government is not making provisions for pilots' families.
4. The lack of enthusiasm caused the official to become extremely heated and angry. The meeting ended without any conclusions being reached or decisions made.

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